

TWITTER

What is it?



Twitter is a wonderful source of inspiration. There is a huge movement in education. Teachers are developing Professional Learning Networks (PLNs). They are connecting with educators across the country and sharing best practices.

Great Educators to Follow

- @MinecraftEDU
- @friEdTechnology
- @coolcatteacher
- @edutopia
- @edudemic
- @cueinc
- @cybraryman1
- @TechNinjaTodd
- @Dowbiggin



Important Terms to Know

Twitter is a rich resource for many things. It can be overwhelming to navigate and may turn some folks off. Here are a few key terms to understand while using Twitter.

Tweet

These are messages in Twitter. You are limited to 140 characters. Many people use shortened phrases to send meaning. e.g. LOL.

Task-Send me a tweet. Type me a message about your summer. At the end of your message type @mrsfrankina!

Twitter Handle

This is your username. You use it to login. It is also how you are identified in other people's feeds. When you want to tag another person in your tweet you put an @ in front of their handle.

Task-Find some interesting folks to follow. You can start with the handles I listed on the left.

Reply

When you want to answer a question or reply to another users remarks, you send a tweet. That person will get the reply if you enter their handle in your tweet. If you are following a discussion you should also be sure to use the same #hashtag.

Task-Read through your feed, find a post you would like to say something about. Post a tweet that uses that person's handle.

Local Educators to Follow

- @TonyKin74810678
- @LHelveston
- @ruth_hambley
- @mrsfrankina
- @bregard
- @armstrongkevin6
- @Bulldog_Tech
- @mr_jamesconway
- @KSmithSchool
- @EvergreenESD
- @NJDono
- @LeaPeery
- @mmclintock90
- @pooky
- @eta1963

Hashtags

The # symbol, called a hashtag, is used to categorize tweets. Users include the hashtag and a word or phrase (No Spaces!) in their tweet. This allows other users to find tweets related to subjects of interest.

Hashtags are also used to participate in Twitter Chats. Teachers from around the world sign in to Twitter at the same time. Discussions are usually moderated with questions. You can lurk (just read the feed) or participate by tweeting with the hashtag.

Discussions are archived for some time. If you aren't able to sign in at the right time, you can still search for the hashtag and see what people talked about.

Task-Participate in a Twitter Chat. Sign in during one of the times below. Search for the hashtag.

Hashtag	Topic	Time
#1stchat	1st Grade Teachers	Sundays 5-6pm
#caedchat	California Ed Chat	Sundays 5-6pm
#ccsschat	Common Core	Sundays 6-7pm
#4thchat	4th Grade Teachers	Mondays 5-6pm
#edtechchat	Educational Technology	Mondays 5-6pm
#tlap	Teaching Like a Pirate	Mondays 5-6pm
#pblchat	Project Based Learning	Tuesdays 5-6pm
#5thchat	5th Grade Teachers	Tuesdays 5-6pm
#6thchat	6th Grade Teachers	Tuesdays 6-7pm
#ipadchat	iPads in Education	Wednesdays 10-11am
#3rdchat	3rd Grade Teachers	Wed. 4-5pm
#2ndchat	2nd Grade Teachers	Wed. 5-6pm
#Nt2t	New Teachers to Twitter	Sat. 4:30-5:30 am or 7:30-8:30 am